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2023 Business Plan McLeese Lake Recreation Facilities Service (1552)

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Working in partnership with communities large and small to offer local, sub-regional, and regional services to ensure that the Cariboo Chilcotin is a socially, economically, and environmentally desirable region.

Department/Function Services

The McLeese Lake Recreation Facilities function was established through Bylaw No. 371 in 1975 to assist with the maintenance and operation of the community recreation facilities at the south end of McLeese Lake by means of a contribution contract (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025) with the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society. A subsequent referendum in 1983 rescinded the original bylaw and replaced it with Bylaw No. 1529, which established a new maximum requisition level.

Support from this service is directed to the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society for costs associated with owning and operating the facility. The funds are to be expended on insurance, utilities, and capital improvements. This contribution is in recognition of the important role local halls play in the stability and healthy activity within communities.

The McLeese Lake Community Recreation Facilities property is owned by the McLeese Lake Recreation Society. Property ownership was transferred from the Cariboo Regional District to the Society in 1989.

The community hall and ball fields are located on the portion of the property north of Forglen Road, while the equestrian grounds sit on the portion south of Forglen Road. A public boat launch is situated on a Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure right of way on the property's east side. The land bordering the property's west side is leased from the Crown by the Society and features an ice rink.

Taxation for this function ceased at the request of the community in 1989. The Cariboo Regional District and Gibraltar Mines Ltd. entered into an agreement which generated

sufficient funds to retire the MFA debts for this function in 1998 and 1999. That agreement also provided that the Regional District would not implement taxation for the function during the period 1989 to 1999.

In 2005, the McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society requested that the function be reinstated in order to once again support maintenance and operations of the recreation facilities.

Requisition is by means of a tax applied to the assessed value of land and improvements within the local service area. The maximum taxation rate for this service is \$1.00/\$1,000.

As the Electoral Area D Director is the only stakeholder, and the *Local Government Act* requires more than one vote, the entire Board is responsible for the governance of this service.

Business Plan Goals, Rationale & Strategies

2023 Goal

Goal: Replace the old outhouses on the hall property.

Rationale: The current outhouses are nearing the end of their effective lifespan and need to be replaced; new outhouses will also encourage continued enjoyment of the property by the public. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.

Strategy: The McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

2024 Goal

Goal: Replace the old storage shed at the hall.

Rationale: The current storage shed is nearing the end of its effective lifespan and needs to be replaced. The project is consistent with the purpose of the community hall support function.

Strategy: The McLeese Lake Recreation Commission Society will manage the project with updates to and advice from Regional District staff.

Overall Financial Impact

The 2023 requisition remains the same as the 2022 requisition at \$25,000.

Significant Issues & Trends

Revenues and operations have recovered from COVID-19 and are expected to stabilize to pre-pandemic levels in 2023.

Rising costs for insurance, utilities, renovation materials and labour may cause capital goals for future years to be revisited. However, it is also expected that the improvements to the hall and recreation areas will increase community pride in the property and lead to better usage and more fundraising opportunities.

The Cariboo Regional District is a signatory on the Province of BC/UBCM Climate Action Charter and has committed to continuing work towards carbon neutrality in respect of corporate operations.

Measuring Previous Years Performance

Goal: Initiate drainage upgrades, including new gutters, down pipes, and drainage ditches.

- Partially completed. The group installed a sump pump in the hall, but exterior work was delayed to 2023.